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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, OPEC

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: OPEC REQUESTS RECENT PRICE DATA

REF: TOKYO 15521 (NOTAL)

1. DR. MAHJOOB A. HASSANAIN, FORMERLY WITH SAUDI MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM WHO RECENTLY JOINED OPEC HEAD-QUARTERS AS HEAD OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR LATEST US PRICE DATA, BOTH WHOLESALE EX REFINERIES AND RETAIL, AND BOTH EXCLUDING AND INCLUDING TAXES, ON FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: GASOLINE (REGULAR AND PREMIUM), KEROSENE, GAS OIL, AND FUEL OIL. HASSANAIN ALSO REQUESTS LATEST INFORMATION ON FOB REALIZED PRICES (NOT RPT NOT POSTED PRICES) FOR CRUDE OIL FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIOUS SUPPLIERS TO THE US, AS WELL AS CIF CRUDE

OIL PRICES.

2. HASSANAIN SAID HIS DEPARTMENT NEEDS NOVEMBER PRICE INFORMATION IN PREPARATION FOR DECEMBER 17 MEETING OF THE OPEC ECONOMIC COMMISSION. OPEC HAS, HE SAID, SUCH INFORMATION FOR EARLIER PERIODS FROM PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS "OIL & GAS JOURNAL" (HE CITED P. 118 OF NOV. 5 "JOURNAL" ISSUE), "PETROLEUM INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY" AND "PLATTS OILGRAM". HASSANAIN SAID HE HAS ALSO ASKED FOR SUCH INFORMATION FROM CANADIAN AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES AND BOTH HAD PROMISED TO OBTAIN IT FOR OPEC. (IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON COUNSELOR YESTERDAY, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL MENTIONED HASSANAIN REQUEST AND INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED GOJ WOULD PROVIDE DATA.)

3. HASSANAIN STRESSED HE WAS NOT RPT NOT ASKED FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ONLY FOR PRICE DATA THAT IS NORMALLY PUBLISHED AND WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION, IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERABLE PRICE CHANGES IN RECENT WEEKS.

4. IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR LIAISON WITH MEMBERS OF OPEC SECRETARIAT, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE. AS I AM CALLING ON OPEC SECRETARY GENERAL KHENE TOMORROW (NOV. 30) AT 11:15 A.M., I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN ADVANCE OF MY VISIT AT LEAST SOME OF THE INFO REQUESTED BY HASSANAIN.

5. REFTEL RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE PREPARED. DEPT. PLEASE REPEAT TOKYO 15521 FOR OTTAWA.HUMES

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